

Over the horizon, Heilbroner sees more of the same—rising prices for raw materials; shortages of food, fuel, and minerals; soaring inflation; and increasing social demands upon a stagnating economy. The fundamental crisis of capitalism, according to Heilbroner, remains the contradiction that Marx perceived more than a century ago—an ever-more-centralized economy, remaining under private control and without rational planning. At the very least, Heilbroner predicts, the next economic crisis will trigger the evolution of the American economy from a simple welfare state into a centrally planned economy.

—*Harry Lesser*

**Blackboard Tyranny.** Connaught Coyne Marshner. Arlington House, \$11.95.

**The Blue Man.** Thomas R. Atkins. Doubleday, \$8.95 (fiction). Although this police procedural features a plot to kill Ike during the 1952 campaign, it should not be lumped with the *Day-of-the-Jackal* genre. Atkins, co-author of the best-selling *The Fire Came By*, is primarily telling a mystery; but in passing, he mordantly comments on the politics of 1952. And his eponymous killer is chillingly different from the usual might-have-been hit-man.

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**Kings or People: Power and the Mandate to Rule.** Reinhard Bendix. University of California, \$20.

**The Million Dollar Lawyers.** Joseph C. Goulden. Putnam, \$10.95. The million dollar lawyers are a shady bunch. They're the "Bombers," a Fifth Avenue firm of divorce specialists for upper-crust New Yorkers who'll resort to any "legal high explosives available to help a client with a case;" the stock market shysters, the corporate and personal injury professionals, and the medical malpractice moguls, all of whom will command six-figure fees without so much as batting an eyelash.

And Joseph Goulden is a self-professed "lawyer-freak," a guy who's been willing to spend several years of his life tracking them down, shaking their hands, taking them out to lunch, and collecting their how-I-won anecdotes. (He's already written another book on the subject, *The Superlawyers*.) Everything about lawyers seems to fascinate him—their huckstering, their bluffing, their stonewalling, and their high-stakes courtroom strategies—the kind of stuff they never teach you in law school.

Goulden is a great storyteller. If you like reading about the behind-the-scenes machinations of high-level corporate counsel, then this book is for you. At its best, the book touches on a multi-million-dollar litigation involving IBM and Telex, and allegations that a leak from the Supreme Court staff may have influenced the outcome.

But don't expect anything too deep. The author has left out, in his own words, any "ersatz political philosophy." Although he manages to

shake a finger at unconscionable lawyers when the opportunity arises, Goulden gets so carried away by the wining, the dining and the telling that he ends up being seduced by the supershysters himself.

—Janet Marinelli

**Minority Admissions.** Robert L. Bailey with Anne L. Hafner. Lexington, \$18.

**Modern Medical Mistakes.** Edward C. Lambert. Indiana University, \$10.95.

**Mushroom: The Story of the A-Bomb Kid.** John A. Phillips, David Michaelis. Morrow, \$8.95. Remember John Aristotle Phillips? If not, he and his friend have written a book to remind you—Phillips is the Princeton student who created such a splash a few years ago when he designed a plutonium fusion bomb as a class project, using material readily available in the Library of Congress. Unfortunately, this book is about the splash, not the bomb, as we watch our hero change from average physics student into media superstar, sex symbol, and commentator on his generation.

**The National Purpose Reconsidered.** Dona Baron. Columbia, \$12.50.

**The North Will Rise Again: Pensions, Politics, and Power in the 1980's.** Jeremy Rifkin, Randy Barber. Beacon Press, \$10.95/\$4.95. Jeremy Rifkin is a hustler—and what's wrong with being a hustler? Blessed with the capacity to spot trends before they happen, Rifkin has cashed in on topical issues just before they've hit the front pages. Rifkin launched the People's Bicentennial Commission, now the People's Business Commission, in 1972. More recently, he wrote one of the first books on human biogenetic engineering, *Who Should Play God?*

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